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April 30, 2009

TO: Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding
Director of Public Health

FROM: Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION
FUND MISSION

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held April 28, 2009, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Nila Neukum, Mimi Kebede and Myra Torres addressed the Board regarding the closure of the Motion Picture and Television Fund Mission long-term care facility in Woodland Hills. During the discussion, Supervisor Yaroslavsky requested the Department of Public Health to investigate whether the decision to close the facility can be appealed.

Enclosed are copies of the "Request to Address the Board" forms filled out by Nila Neukum, Mimi Kebede and Myra Torres, and a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your response.

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Enclosures

c: Each Supervisor
Dr. James Lawson, Chief
Health Facilities Inspection Division

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Mini Kebede

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

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ADDRESS

(THIS INFORMATION IS OPTIONAL)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED (IF APPLICABLE)

MPTE Hospital Workers / residents / SESU. UMW

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER.

I am a caregiver @ the Motion Picture TV Fund hospital workers
 I am here to act as the supervisors to receive their approval of



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Myra Torres

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Motion Picture Hospital & Hosp
 were ask the Board stop the closure & Eviction of

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER.

Long term residents wanted and preserve The
 Promise of taking care of their own



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Nila Neovius

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PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER.

SESU - Motion Picture Television Fund

Family Member - Regarding Stoppage Closure

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS, I DO
3 HAVE ONE READ-IN MOTION. THIS IS IN REGARDS TO S.B. 282,
4 SENATOR WRIGHT. IT'S ABOUT GANG INJUNCTIONS. BASICALLY IT
5 WOULD LIMIT THE DURATION OF GANG INJUNCTIONS TO FIVE YEARS.
6 SUCH A TIME LIMITATION WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE THE
7 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STRATEGY AS GANG INJUNCTIONS ARE A LARGE-
8 SCALE EFFORT THAT OFTEN TAKE UP TO TWO YEARS TO DEVELOP,
9 OBTAIN AND IMPLEMENT. IN ADDITION, THE IMPACT OF GANG
10 INJUNCTIONS CAN BE IMMEDIATE. IT CAN TAKE THREE YEARS OR MORE
11 FOR A LONG-TERM RESULTS TO TAKE ROOT. BY IMPOSING A FIVE-YEAR
12 LIMIT ON TERM ON GANG INJUNCTIONS, S.B. 282 REDUCES BOTH THE
13 EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GANG ABATEMENT EFFORTS, AND IN
14 SO DOING, COMPROMISES PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS WAS BROUGHT TO MY
15 ATTENTION BY THE C.C.J.C.C. AND I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS OPPOSE S.B. 282 UNLESS AMENDED TO DELETE THE
17 LANGUAGE INSTITUTING A TIME LIMIT ON INJUNCTIONS.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE VOTE ON THAT TODAY OR DOES THAT
22 HAVE TO COME BACK ON THE AGENDA? IT'S NOT A REPORT BACK, IT'S
23 TAKING A POSITION.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK IT HAS TO COME BACK.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT WILL COME BACK, THEN. IT WILL
3 HAVE TO COME BACK ON MAY 12TH BECAUSE WE'LL BE IN D.C. NEXT
4 WEEK. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENT. ALL RIGHT. I WILL DO MY
5 BEST TO READ THESE NAMES. FIRST OF ALL, MIMI KEBEBDE. NILA
6 NEUKUM. MYRA TORRES. AND HELEN JONES WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR.

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8 **NILA NEUKUM:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD. IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND PROCEED.
11 WHOEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST GO FIRST.

12

13 **NILA NEUKUM:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NILA NEUKUM. I'M
14 A MEMBER OF I.A.T.S.E. LOCAL 871, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING
15 THE FAMILIES OF THE MOTION PICTURE TELEVISION FUND. IN
16 PARTICULAR, MY FATHER, JOHN NEUKUM, DIRECTOR'S GUILD OF
17 AMERICA. AND CURRENTLY HE IS A RESIDENT AT HARRY'S HAVEN WHICH
18 IS FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S UNIT. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE AWARE
19 THAT THE MOTION PICTURE TELEVISION FUND IS CLOSING THEIR LONG-
20 TERM CARE FACILITY. WE ARE HERE TO ASK, BEG, PLEAD, WHATEVER
21 WE NEED TO DO, THAT WE ASK THEM TO RECONSIDER THIS, THEIR
22 POSITION OF CLOSING. AS FAMILY MEMBERS, WE WERE NOT GIVE ANY
23 WARNING THAT THERE WAS A FINANCIAL PROBLEM WITH THE MOTION
24 PICTURE TELEVISION FUND. AND WE OF THE INDUSTRY CERTAINLY
25 WOULD HAVE GONE AND DONE FUNDRAISERS TO SAVE THIS FACILITY.

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1 ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IT IS NOT JUST A SMALL CLOSING OF ONE
2 FACILITY, THAT IT WILL AFFECT THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY'S FUTURE
3 BECAUSE THERE IS NO LONGER A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO GO. AND IF
4 THERE IS, GOD FORBID, YOU'RE OLD AND YOU FALL, YOU ARE NO
5 LONGER A RESIDENT AT THE MOTION PICTURE TELEVISION FUND, THEY
6 WILL SHIP YOU OUT BECAUSE IT IS NO LONGER CONVENIENT OR
7 FINANCIALLY FISCAL. AND THESE ARE THE WONDERFUL CARETAKERS OF
8 THE RESIDENTS IN MOTION PICTURE FUND THAT WE CONTINUE THIS
9 FIGHT AND WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE REVIEW WHAT THEIR MOTIVE IS IN
10 CHANGING THE SYSTEM AND RENEGING ON THEIR PROMISE TO TAKE CARE
11 OF THEIR OWN. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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15 **NILA NEUKUM:** AND WE REALLY BEG YOU. I CAN SAY PERSONALLY THAT
16 I'VE SPOKEN TO THE DOCTORS. IT IS AN AWFUL POSITION FOR A
17 DAUGHTER TO BE IN, THAT THEY PRAY THAT THEIR FATHER DIES SO
18 THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SHIPPED OUT. SO THAT'S WHERE IT'S
19 AT. IN FACT I WOULD PREFER THAT THAN HIM BEING SHIPPED OFF.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES?

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23 **MIMI KEBEBDE:** HI, MY NAME IS MIMI KEBEBDE, AND I'M A CAREGIVER
24 AT THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION FUND HOSPITAL. WE'RE HERE
25 IN THE SUPPORT OF THE FAMILIES AND THE RESIDENTS AND OUR



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1 COWORKERS, 300 OF WHOM WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS UNNECESSARILY
2 BECAUSE WE WERE NEVER TOLD THAT THE FUND WAS IN TROUBLE. AND
3 MOST OF OUR WORKERS LIVE, AT THE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S
4 DISTRICT. AND WE'RE LOSING 300 JOBS UNNECESSARILY BECAUSE
5 WE'RE WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICE AND TAKE A PAY CUT, BUT NONE
6 OF THEM WERE WROTE UP TO US AND TO OUR UNION. WE ARE JUST HERE
7 THE TELL YOU AND TO ASK YOU PLEASE RECONSIDER THE APPROVAL OR
8 THE CLOSING AND THE RELOCATION OF OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

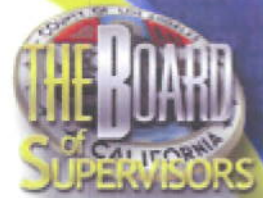
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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE NOT CLOSING ANYTHING. SO IT'S NOT
11 -- YES.

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13 **MYRA TORRES:** HI. MY NAME IS MYRA TORRES, I'M AN EMPLOYEE OF
14 THE MOTION PICTURE AND TV FUND AND A MEMBER OF THE U.H.W.
15 S.E.I.U., AND CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. I'D LIKE
16 TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT FOR HEALTH
17 CARE WORKERS AND FOR LISTENING TO US TODAY. I REALLY
18 APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTIVENESS HERE. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG DAY,
19 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SINCERITY AND
20 PAYING ATTENTION TO US. THE MOTION PICTURE AND TV FUND HAS
21 BEEN AROUND FOR 86 YEARS, ALMOST 88 YEARS, SOMEWHERE AROUND
22 THERE. MOST OF THE UNION MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY,
23 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, HAVE DONATED MONEY ALL THEIR LIVES FOR
24 PEOPLE TO LIVE HERE. THIS WAS CREATED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE
25 FUND NEVER EXPLAINED TO ANYBODY OR TOLD ANYBODY THAT THEY HAD

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1 PLANS TO CLOSE THE FACILITY, OR THAT WE WERE LOSING \$10
2 MILLION. THEY HAVE DENIED ALL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. THEY HAVE
3 DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT ANYTHING. THEY HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH THE
4 PROPOSAL FOR RELOCATION. THEY NEVER BROUGHT IN ANYBODY THAT
5 WAS A HEALTHCARE EXPERT FOR THE CONDITION OF THESE RESIDENTS
6 TO TALK ABOUT TRANSFER TRAUMA. NO ONE ON THE BOARD IS
7 MEDICALLY EXPERIENCED TO TURN AROUND AND DO THAT. THEY JUST
8 SORT OF WHAMMED IT ON PEOPLE. AND ANY DONATION EFFORTS, \$25
9 MILLION WAS OFFERED TO START A FUNDRAISING EFFORT BY JOHN
10 SCHNEIDER. YOU CAN VERIFY THAT IF YOU GO ONTO THE WEBSITE
11 SAVING THE LIVES OF OUR OWN.ORG, YOU'LL GET A LOT OF
12 INFORMATION. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE SOME NEWS REELS OF OUR
13 C.E.O., DAVID TILLMAN, WHO SELLS THEY'RE NOT ACCEPTING BAILOUT
14 MONEY. THEY ARE NOT A CORPORATION. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
15 HUMAN LIVES. AND AT THE SACRIFICE OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE
16 ALREADY DONATED THEIR HOMES, THEIR MONEY, ALL OF THAT STUFF,
17 THEY SAID THIS WAS A FOUR-YEAR RESEARCH THAT THEY HAD ALREADY
18 DECIDED TO DO THIS. BUT NOT ONCE DID THEY TALK ABOUT IT TO
19 ANYBODY ELSE. THEY CONTINUED TO ACCEPT RESIDENTS EVEN AS SHORT
20 AS A YEAR AGO TO LIVE THERE WHEN THEY SOLD THEIR HOMES, THEY
21 LIQUIDATED ALL THEIR ASSETS. SO THEY TOOK THAT. THEY SPENT
22 THAT. AND NOW THEY WANT TO EVICT THEM. WE'VE HAD 16 DEATHS
23 THAT THEY CAN SAY IT'S NOT RELATED. THEY SAY THEY WERE GOING
24 TO DIE, ANYWAY. THAT'S NOT TRUE. THEY COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER
25 EFFORT. SO WE'RE HERE TO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE ASK THE BOARD TO



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1 RECONSIDER IT. AND RECONSIDER THE RELOCATION PLAN. IT IS NOT
2 FEASIBLE. IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. THEY CAN'T FOLLOW 150
3 RESIDENTS. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. IT'S NOT REALISTIC.
4 SO WE'RE ASKING THAT THE RELOCATION PLAN BE RECONSIDERED.
5 WE'RE ASKING THAT THERE BE A STAY, A HOLD. THEY'VE NOT GIVEN
6 ONE NOTICE TO A RESIDENT. SO THEY'VE NOT FOLLOWED ANY OF THAT
7 STUFF. THEY'VE JUST PLAYED PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. WE'VE HAD TO
8 ASK FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TO STEP OUT OF THE ROOMS OF THESE
9 RESIDENTS, WHO ARE FRAGILE, AND TO TELL THEM TO STOP ASKING
10 THEM WHEN THEY ARE GOING TO MOVE, AND ONLY CONTACT THE
11 FAMILIES. WE HAVE A LOT OF MEMBERS THAT ARE WARDS OF THE
12 STATE. THEY DON'T HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS. SO WE'RE ASKING THAT
13 YOU PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR AUTHORIZATION FOR THEIR RELOCATION.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION, MR. CHAIRMAN? WHO'S
16 FAMILIAR WITH THIS FROM OUR STAFF? MR. FREEDMAN? DID THE BOARD
17 APPROVE THIS?

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19 **SPEAKER:** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOTION PICTURES?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PLEASE DON'T ANSWER THE QUESTION I'M ASKING
22 TO OTHER PEOPLE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU CAN STEP ASIDE. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. FREEDMAN, IT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH
2 DEPARTMENT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING THESE IS IT
3 RELOCATION PLANS IS WHAT TECHNICALLY THEY'RE--

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5 **JOHN FREEDMAN:** THIS IS JOHN FREEDMAN, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
6 I'M HERE WITH DR. LAWSON, WHO HEADS OUR HEALTH FACILITIES
7 INSPECTION DIVISION THAT WE RUN ON BEHALF OF THE STATE. THIS
8 IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION UNDER STATE LAW.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS IT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD?

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12 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** IT'S SUBMITTED FOR ACTION.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE BOARD CAN'T RESCIND IT. THE BOARD
15 DIDN'T APPROVE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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17 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** IT'S AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION THAT THE
18 DEPARTMENT DOES THAT--

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DELEGATED TO YOUR DEPARTMENT.

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22 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES PURSUANT TO STATE
23 AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF STATE.

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2 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE ANY DISCRETION? DOES YOUR
5 DEPARTMENT -- WHAT IS THE DISCRETION, IF ANY, THAT YOU HAVE IN
6 APPROVING THESE PLANS?

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8 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** MY UNDERSTANDING, AND DR. LAWSON CAN
9 ELABORATE, THAT WE HAVE TO MEET STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
10 CURRENT OPERATOR TO PRODUCE A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE EXISTING
11 PATIENTS. AND THAT TRANSITION PLAN NEEDS TO MEET CERTAIN
12 MINIMAL STANDARDS. AND WE REVIEW THAT. WE CERTAINLY WOULD
13 INVESTIGATE ANY SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT PATIENTS OR ANY
14 UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES THAT ARE OCCURRING IN THE FACILITY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD, DOCTOR?

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18 **DR. LAWSON:** YES, WE DID RECEIVE THE PLAN. AND IT DID MEET THE
19 REQUIREMENTS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AS TO THE MINIMUM
20 CONTENT. AND SO WE WERE REQUIRED TO APPROVE THAT PLAN AND DID
21 AT THE SAME TIME FORWARD IT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
22 OMBUDSMAN, THE OFFICE OF AGING. AND THE OWNER OF THE LICENSEE
23 OF THE FACILITY HAS PUT INTO WRITING THEIR PLAN, WHICH THEY
24 STILL HAVE TIME TO EXECUTE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT DECISION BY YOU APPEALABLE BY
2 ANYBODY TO ANYBODY? CAN ANYONE APPEAL THAT FINDING THAT THEY
3 MET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS?

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5 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** APPEALABLE BY A THIRD-PARTY?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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9 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** I BELIEVE SO BUT WE CAN CONFIRM THAT.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T BELIEVE SO?

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13 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** I DO NOT BELIEVE SO BUT WE COULD CONFIRM
14 THAT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU CONFIRM THAT AND LET US KNOW? MAKE
17 SURE YOU LET ME KNOW DIRECTLY.

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19 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** MEANING THE PATIENT RIGHTS ADVOCATE OR ANY
20 OTHER THIRD PARTY?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPPOSE THEY LOOKED AT YOUR FINDINGS AND
23 THEY DETERMINED THAT YOU WERE ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH AND THAT
24 YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE -- THAT IT REALLY DIDN'T MEET MINIMAL
25 STANDARDS. IT COULD BE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. I WONDER IF



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1 THERE WAS A WAY THAT THEY COULD APPEAL IT. I KNOW THAT IT
2 DIDN'T COME TO US. I'VE BEEN GETTING THE CORRESPONDENCE AS I
3 THINK ALL OF US HAVE FROM THE UNION. LET ME JUST SAY I THINK
4 THIS IS A TRAGIC CLOSURE, THIS THING, THE MOTION PICTURE AND
5 TELEVISION FACILITY IN WOODLAND HILLS. IT IS OUTRAGEOUS. AND I
6 KNOW THEY'RE UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE. EVERYBODY IS UNDER A LOT
7 OF PRESSURE. IT IS ALSO NOT THE FIRST HOSPITAL TO CLOSE OR
8 FACILITY OF THIS KIND TO CLOSE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY OR
9 IN THE COUNTY. AND I'VE TRIED TO INSERT MYSELF A LITTLE BIT
10 INTO THIS TO NO AVAIL. IT'S BEEN VERY UNSATISFACTORY, TO SAY
11 THE LEAST. IT DOESN'T SPEAK WELL, IN MY OPINION, FOR THE
12 INDUSTRY TO TURN ITS BACK. [APPLAUSE.] TO TURN ITS BACK ON ITS
13 OWN WHEN THEY MOST NEED THEM. IT'S NOT THE WAY WE LIKE TO DO
14 BUSINESS. THEY WOULDN'T MEET OUR CORE MISSION STATEMENT HERE.
15 ANYWAY, IF YOU COULD GET BACK TO ME ON THAT.

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17 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** WE WILL CERTAINLY GET BACK TO YOU ABOUT
18 WHETHER OUR DECISION IS APPEALABLE BY ANY THIRD-PARTY OR ANY
19 OTHER PARTY, AS WELL AS I WANT TO REITERATE, IF THERE'S ANY
20 SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS, PATIENT-LEVEL COMPLAINTS, WE WANT TO KNOW
21 THOSE SO THEY CAN BE INVESTIGATED.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I HOPE THE UNION MEMBERS HEARD
24 THAT, AS WELL. MAYBE YOU CAN JUST INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THEM
25 BEFORE YOU LEAVE, JOHN, SO THAT THEY KNOW WHO YOU ARE. DOCTOR,

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1 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. CHAIRMAN, WE'LL GET THAT REPORT. AND
2 IF THERE'S ANY VEHICLE FOR THEM TO APPEAL THIS, I'M AFRAID MY
3 GUT TELLS ME IT'S NOT POSSIBLE. MY GUT TELLS ME IT'S ALSO LATE
4 IN THE PROCESS. BUT IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE,
5 WE'LL COMMUNICATE IT TO THE REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE IN THE
6 AUDIENCE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I'D ASK
9 HELEN JONES TO JOIN US. JELANI JONES, QUINTON JACKSON, AND I
10 THINK IT'S LA POSHA HORTON? I THINK THAT'S A B. IF IT'S NOT, I
11 APOLOGIZE. GO AHEAD AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND
12 PROCEED.

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14 **HELEN JONES:** HELEN JONES.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, HELEN, GO AHEAD.

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18 **HELEN JONES:** OKAY. THIS IS MY SON, JOHN HORTON, THAT WAS
19 ACCUSED OF HANGING HIMSELF IN THE MEN'S COUNTY JAIL LAST MONTH
20 ON THE 30TH. THEY CAME TO MY DAUGHTER'S RESIDENCE TO TELL ME
21 MY SON HUNG HIMSELF. BUT THEY DIDN'T SAY THAT MY SON HAS SCARS
22 IN HIS HEAD. HE HAS MEAT SHOWING TO WHERE HANDCUFFS WAS ON HIS
23 WRIST TO WHERE IT WAS ATE DOWN TO THE MEAT. THEY DIDN'T
24 MENTION NONE OF THAT. AND THEN THE BRUISE THAT IS ON MY SON'S
25 HEAD. YOU COULD SEE IT CLEAR AS DAY WHERE HE HAD BEEN HIT WITH



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1 A BILLY CLUB OR A FLASHLIGHT. THE LINE IS RIGHT HERE. YOU
2 COULD SEE IT CLEAR AS DAY. I CAN SHOW YOU PROOF WHERE HE GO TO
3 MEAT TO WHERE ON HIS WRIST. AND I'M JUST TRYING TO SEE HOW
4 DOES SOMEBODY HANG THEMSELF AFTER NOT GETTING MEDICAL
5 TREATMENT FOR HIS MEAT CUT DOWN FROM HANDCUFFS. AND THEN HE GO
6 TO MATCH UP CLEAR AS DAY TO BILLY CLUB PRINTS, BECAUSE THERE'S
7 FOUR OR FIVE LINES ON MY BABY'S HEAD. THAT WAS MY ONLY SON. IT
8 MATCH UP EVEN TO POLICE FLASHLIGHTS. THESE LINES RIGHT HERE IS
9 RIGHT ON MY BABY'S HEAD RIGHT HERE. AND I'M JUST TRYING TO
10 FIGURE OUT HOW DID MY SON HANG HIS SELF AFTER TAKING A BLOW
11 LIKE THIS TO HIS HEAD WITHOUT RECEIVING MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM
12 ANYBODY. BECAUSE I KNOW HE DIDN'T GET NO MEDICAL ATTENTION.
13 BECAUSE IF HE WOULD HAVE HAD MEDICAL ATTENTION, HE WOULDN'T
14 HAVE HAD TO BE IN THE HOLE. MY SON LEFT HOME FROM THE
15 AMBULANCE THAT TOOK HIM, BECAUSE HE WAS MENTALLY IMPAIRED THAT
16 DAY. AND WHEN HE GOT TOOK TO THE HOSPITAL, I WENT UP THERE
17 THEY TOOK HIM IN CUSTODY AND TOLD ME THAT I COULDN'T SEE HIM.
18 I WENT TO THE COUNTY JAIL ON THE FIRST VISITING DATE. I GOT IN
19 ON THAT FIRST DATE, AND WHEN I LEFT OUT OF THERE, I WENT TO
20 CALL THE HEAD DOCTOR AND THE WATCH COMMANDER. AND THEY TOLD ME
21 THAT THEY WOULD BRING HIM IN AND HAVE HIM EVALUATED. THE NEXT
22 DAY I TRIED TO GO SEE ABOUT MY SON. I WAS DENIED VISIT FROM
23 THAT DAY FORWARD. I HAVEN'T SEEN MY SON SINCE HE WAS THERE. I
24 NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM. HE NEVER EVEN GOT A CHANCE
25 TO MAKE A PHONE CALL HOME TO ME. I NEVER SEEN MY SON OR TALKED